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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

Commissioner of Patents

1. The request filed on 1-5-98 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/655,853 is acceptable and a CPA has been established.
2. The reply filed on 1-5-98 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
 - a. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(2)(iii) requires that an explanation of the support in the disclosure for each amendment (non-editorial) be provided with comments on pages separate from the pages containing the amendments. The reply filed on 1-5-98 has failed to provide an explanation of the support in the disclosure for the amendments of claims 28 and 29 as is required.
 - b. The amendment filed 1-5-98 proposes amendments to the specification that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required. Note: any amendment to the specification now requires an entire rewrite of the text of the paragraph of the specification.
 - c. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(ii) requires that each amendment submission include a status of every claim of the reissue application, whether pending or canceled, including the claims of the original patent. The reply filed on

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1-5-98 has failed to provide this as the claims which were previously canceled have not been discussed.

d. The amendments to the drawings filed 1-5-98 fail to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3) as the amended drawings should be labeled as --amended-- as is now required if existing patent drawings are amended.


Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to timely apprise the Office of any litigation information, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 4,883,527, which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application. This obligation rests with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Griffin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1164. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM-4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stan Silverman, can be reached on (703) 308-3837. The fax phone number for all "official faxes" to Group 1730 is (703) 305-3599 or 7718. The fax phone number for "unofficial" or "draft" faxes is (703) 305-7115.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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